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Minister to meet with First Nations chiefs (06/11/15)

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FREDERICTON (CNB) - A meeting between Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour Minister Edward Doherty, who is also minister responsible for aboriginal affairs, and New Brunswick's First Nations chiefs will take place today.

Doherty said that the meeting will be the first of many the provincial government intends to hold regularly with aboriginal leaders in New Brunswick.

"I am proud to host this event, which demonstrates our commitment to honour our *Charter for Change* pledge to hold regular meetings with aboriginal leaders," Doherty said. "We understand the need to listen and be sensitive to the concerns of New Brunswick's aboriginal communities, and this ongoing bilateral process will help us to do both.

"This meeting and those that will follow will also enhance the relationship between the provincial government and New Brunswick's First Nations communities. There is great potential for this relationship to become even more co-operative and productive to the benefit of all aboriginal and non-aboriginal New Brunswickers. By engaging in constructive dialogue on a regular basis, our government and aboriginal leaders will tap that potential."

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